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PARIS FOR BISA WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT RACISM CONFERENCE; HARARE

1. THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "THE DAILY NEWS" DEDICATED ITS
AUGUST 23 EDITORIAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCE
ON RACISM TO BE HELD IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, ON AUGUST 31.
UNDER HEADLINE "POLITICAL POSTURING THREATENS RACISM
TALKS," THE PAPER COMMENTS:

2. "SO WHAT IF THE SUBJECT OF ZIONISM BEING EQUATED WITH
RACISM IS TABLED AT THE U. N. CONFERENCE ON RACISM IN
DURBAN ON 31 AUGUST? WOULD THAT BE EQUATED, BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST, WITH GRANTING ON A
SILVER PLATTER A PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR YASSER
ARAFAT'S FATAH MOVEMENT AND THE HIZBOLLAH GUERRILLA
GROUP OVER ARIEL SHARON AND SHIMON PERES? THERE WILL
CLEARLY BE LIVELY AND, ADMITTEDLY, EMOTIONAL DEBATE
OVER RACISM. . . WHAT IS VITAL IS THAT THE SUBJECT BE
VENTILATED CALMLY AND THOROUGHLY. . . THE U. S.
GOVERNMENT MUST, THEREFORE, CONCENTRATE ON THE BIG
PICTURE. RACISM IN THE U. S. ITSELF DID NOT DISAPPEAR
WITH THE END OF SLAVERY. FROM FREDERICK DOUGLASS TO
MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR., THE DESCENDANTS OF AFRICAN
SLAVES HAVE FOUGHT TO GAIN EQUAL STATUS WITH THEIR
FORMER MASTERS. THE LIKES OF THURGOOD MARSHALL PROVED
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THAT BEING THE DESCENDANT OF AFRICAN SLAVES WAS NO
BARRIER TO REACHING THE PINNACLE OF SUCCESS IN ANY
FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR. . . THE U. N. CONFERENCE ON
RACISM MUST SUCCEED AND THE THREAT OF A BOYCOTT BY THE
U. S. OVER ZIONISM BEING EQUATED WITH RACISM MUST BE
ELIMINATED BY OFFICIALS IN GEORGE W. BUSH'S
ADMINISTRATION WHO KNOW THAT IF THE THREAT IS CARRIED
OUT, THEN THEIR COUNTRY COULD LOSE THE RESPECT OF MANY
FRIENDS."

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